

CONGRATULATING MERAMEC
ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS COMPANY

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Meramec Electrical Products Company in Cuba, MO, which was awarded the Make It in America Manufacturer of the Week for November 16–23, 2011.

Make It in America is an initiative supported by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), which works with small and mid-sized U.S. manufacturers to help them create jobs, increase profits and save time and money. The nationwide network of manufacturers provides a variety of services and resources to aid American businesses in expanding into new markets, creating new products and building their clientele. For every one dollar of federal investment, MEP generates \$32 in new sales growth, which equates to \$3.6 billion in new sales annually.

Each week MEP features an American business that is boosting U.S.-based manufacturing and production. I am pleased to acknowledge Missouri's hardworking manufacturing industry and, specifically, Meramec Electrical Products Company. This midwest company is one of the largest manufacturers of instrument current transformers for the power generation, transmission and electrical distribution markets. Its products are used in generators, power transformers and high voltage circuit breakers, to name a few.

The company was founded in 1969 on the principles that quality people and teamwork will produce quality products. Those principles have guided the business for the past four decades, leading to its success today. Meramec Electrical Products Company is the largest bushing transformer manufacturer in the Western Hemisphere and serves a global market. It uses an effective Quality Assurance System to ensure high quality products produced efficiently, effectively and on budget. This company is a true testament that hard work and dedication lead to success and greater opportunities.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in congratulating Meramec Electrical Products Company and its employees for all their success and the well-deserved title of Make It in America Manufacturer of the Week.

RECOGNIZING MR. KENNETH COLEMAN FOR HIS DEDICATION TO SERVING OTHERS AND GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable and an intrepid man; one who has served as a father figure to many of the children of Crystal Springs, Mississippi; Mr. Kenneth Coleman. Mr. Coleman, a lifelong resident of Crystal Springs, Mississippi is husband and devoted father to two biological sons. Mr. Coleman graduated from Crystal Springs High School in 1991 and received his Bachelors of Science Degree in Recreation from Alcorn State University in 1998.

Mr. Coleman serves as a volunteer coach for both Crystal Springs Middle and High School football and basketball teams. Mr. Coleman's commitment to the children of Crystal Springs is of no small consequence; under his direction the children learn a sense of sportsmanship, comradery and teamwork.

Mr. Coleman is employed as a conservation officer with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and Parks and is also a member of the Sanderson Masonic Lodge #22 in Crystal Springs. Mr. Coleman is a very active member of the Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, where he serves as chairman of the deacon board and is a member of the choir.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in commending Mr. Kenneth Coleman for serving as a role model and inspiration to the children of Crystal Springs, Mississippi.

HONORING MARIPOSA COUNTY
HIGH SCHOOL GRIZZLY MARCH-
ING BAND

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Mariposa County High School Grizzly Marching Band that was selected to perform in the 92nd Annual NYC Veterans Day Parade commemorating the 10th Anniversary Tribute to The World Trade Center, and The Band of Pride Tribute Mass Band Performance on November 10, 2011.

The selection committee consisted of The Mayor's Office of Veterans' Affairs, The Hon-

orable Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, The United War Veterans' Council and Melinda Marinoff, The NYC Veterans Day Parade's Official Marching Band and Youth Sponsor. They selected the band because of their incredible reputation for fostering personal growth and development through music, their style and talent, and their respect for the flag.

The band joined fewer than 20 other high school bands from the entire United States to participate with several international bands to form a "Band of Pride." They were the only high school band from California.

It was a great honor for the band members to be invited to participate in such a magnificent and touching tribute to all those who have served our country and to the victims of 9/11. Even more so, it had special meaning for the band director, Dr. Phillip M. Smith, a disabled decorated veteran who has served his country for over 35 years. In addition, he is a member of their local VFW Post 6042, and is a recently retired reservist. In his lifelong spirit of service, Dr. Smith has donated his time for over the last ten years by directing our MCHS Grizzly Band. He has inspired, mentored, and been a staunch supporter of the last decade of band kids. The kids can count on him to love and accept them at all times.

In addition to the great honor of marching in the N.Y.C. Veterans Day Parade, the Mariposa County High School Grizzly Marching Band had the distinction of being selected as one of only 36 high school bands from across the United States to receive a GRAMMY Signature Schools Enterprise Award. In addition to this award, they have also amassed the following: 1st Place, Band and Drum Major—Selma Band Review; highest rating for Division D band in Northern California Band Association history, October 2011; Local Heroes Award presented by Mariposa Chamber of Commerce, October 2011; 3rd Place, Fresno Fair Band Review, October 2011; 1st Place, Oakhurst Heritage Days Parade, September 2011; Mariposa's Fair Parade was dedicated to MCHS Grizzly Band; Silver Medal, Forum Festivals Concert Band Contest, Spring 2011; 3rd in Division, Band and Color Guard, Merced CCBR, November 2010; 1st place Band and Drum Major, Selma Marching Band Festival, October 2010; 4th, Southern California Forum Festivals Concert Band, Los Angeles, Spring 2010; Gold Medal, Forum Festivals Concert Band Contest, Spring 2009; and the Signature Schools Enterprise Award, June 2011.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Mariposa County High School Grizzly Marching Band for their hard work and in wishing them great success in their future endeavors.